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A VALLEY FULL OF PIPERS



An amusing and thrilling new serial about the Piper family, who live in Tasmania.

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Joan Berner of Hayes, Middlesex, has represented Britain in accordion contests. Now she is turning to show business.



Suzy Cope is only 16 but has already made her first disc, for which she wrote both words and music. There will be many more to follow.



Danny Davis, 19, gave up studying for his Bachelor of Science degree at London University to become a singer. He could be the tops in "pops."



Lesley Bell, outstanding young table tennis player whose ambition is to win a world title.



Only 17, David Metchick has already played in Fulham's first team.



Janet Dugdale, 20-year-old vice-chairman of the Young Socialists' National Committee.



Michael Astin, chairman of the Chorlton (Manchester) Young Conservatives.



Tipped for TV fame is John Mitchell (16), seen last year as Jennings and currently as the traveller *In Search Of Adventure*.



Kika Markham has taken the lead in several radio and TV plays. This year she may have even greater opportunities.



Ranked No. 8 in British tennis, 18-year-old Roger Taylor could well force his way up the ladder.

WATCH OUT FOR THEM IN 1962



Sixteen-year-old Anna Aragno (seen here with Anton Dolin) is destined for ballet stardom.

Readers' Letters

Here are some news and views from CN readers. Why not write to me this week, at Fleetway House, Farringdon St., London, E.C.4.—The Editor.

Learning to ride

Dear Sir,—My grandfather has a farm in Mid-Wales. During the holidays he teaches me to ride a pony, which is great fun. Next year I hope that I will be experienced enough to join the Llanwrtyd Wells Pony Trekking Association.

Margaret Haycock (9),
Llandrindod Wells.

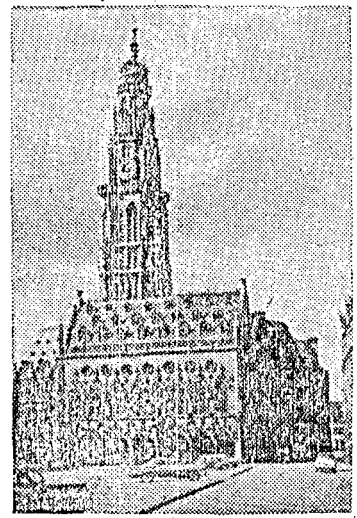
We shall be having a special article about pony trekking soon, Margaret. Don't forget to look out for it. Ed.

Blackpool birds

Dear Sir,—My hobby is the study of birds. Although I live in the busy town of Blackpool I manage to observe and study them.

I have found that in Blackpool not many people like birds. I am therefore starting a bird lovers' club. Do you think anyone would like to join?

Kathryn Southworth (9), 14
Meseford Avenue, N.S. Blackpool,
Lancs.



Arras Town Hall
French Government Tourist Office

Dear Sir,—I live in Osnabrück in Germany, and my daddy is a soldier. Last summer we had a camping holiday in Belgium and France. When we were camping near Arras we went to see some friends of my Granddad. He stayed with them during the last war. They gave us custard tart and red wine. I did not like the wine very much. We played with the French children and they showed us their kittens and rabbits and gave us a rabbit to take home.

Sheila West (7)

Tunnel adventure

Dear Sir,—Last week I was at my cousin's, and he showed me a tunnel. It was in Dalkey and it led to Dalkey Island, which is about one mile out to sea.

We got candles and went inside. After about five minutes we could hear the sea above us. The tunnel then came to an end where it had collapsed.

It is said that years ago monks used the tunnel to get from the mainland to the monastery which is now in ruins on the island.

Jonathan Gray (12),
Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.

"I would like..."

Dear Sir,—I think it would be a good idea if you made a CN readers' club with various activities.

Kenneth Lupton, Manchester.

Dear Sir,—I think the fishing article mentioned by Robert Wharton would be a very good idea.

Michael Hague, Manchester.

Dear Sir,—Do you think it would be possible to do some more articles on flying?

Rosemary Thomas (12½),
Cardiff.

Dear Sir,—I think it would be a very good idea if we could have our own photography club in the CN.

Bernard S. Owen, Anglesey.

Dear Sir,—Could you get someone who knows a lot about horses to write articles on the riding, grooming, jumping, and feeding of them to help those who are interested?

Janet Mudd, Kedington,
Suffolk.

Dear Sir,—Please could we have something more about Lacrosse, as it is a very interesting game.

M. Grenville, London, W.1.

Dear Sir,—May I suggest that for ten to 20 weeks you include in CN a picture of a train with a few details.

Stephen Grant, Swindon.

Dear Sir,—I have an idea. Why don't you have a Chess Corner?

Melvyn Ayton, Stanley,
Co. Durham.

To please everybody, CN would have to be twice its present size! It is most helpful, though, to know what readers would like, and we shall go on doing our best to satisfy you all. Ed.

Cross-mat

Dear Sir,—Every other week I work out the CN crossword puzzle, but I can never do the French ones. As I learn German at school, I wondered whether it would be a good idea to publish one in this language.

John Redman (12), Brewwood,
Staffs.

Then I would get lots of letters from readers who don't learn German! Ed.

SHOW FOR AMATEUR SAILORS



This picture shows the 650 brake horse power motor boat Thunderbolt, which won the Cowes to Torquay offshore power boat race last August, the first ever held. An exciting film of the race is being shown continuously at the International Boat Show at Earls Court, London, and after seeing it you can inspect the winning boat.

A novel feature this year is one of the canvas-covered longboats from Tristan da Cunha. Some of the islanders will show how they built these frail but seaworthy craft.

This year, too, there is a fine working model of Union Castle ships plying between Southampton and Cape Town. Complete with lighthouses and scenes on the route.

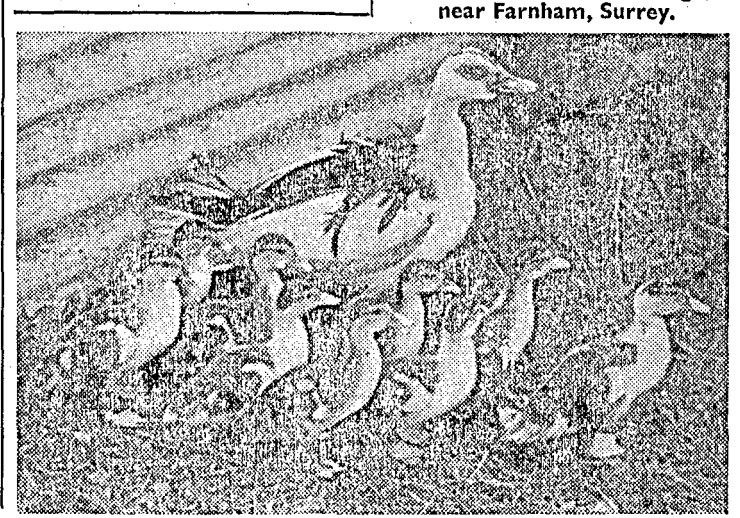
Cushioncraft

Something very different is the sleek-looking amphibious Cushioncraft, claimed to be the first practical lightweight hovercraft produced in Britain.

Sponsored by the Daily Express, the International Boat Show is open from 3rd to 13th January. In Scotland the Boat Show will be held in the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, from 7th to 17th March.

Airborne Ark—but not for Noah

Five baby elephants, three blue bulls, two barking deer, two bison, two cases of geese, three cases of birds, one case of pheasants, and one cage of pandas: so read the passenger list on a special flight by BOAC and Qantas Empire Airways to help re-stock East Berlin's zoo recently.



Outdoor life at Olympia

Next Saturday visitors to the Camping and Outdoor Life Exhibition at London's Olympia will see demonstrations by various schools of canoe-building, map-making, first-aid, life-saving, photography, and gymnastics. The combined Scout and Guide arena will have eight miniature camps on turf, and on the two Saturday nights of the Exhibition the programme will end with a giant camp fire staged by Rangers and Cadets.

Among other spectacular attractions at this great festival of outdoor life will be a big swimming tank where visitors can try out modern underwater equipment. Changing rooms will be provided.

In the angling section's two pools, fishermen will be shown how to cast a fly, and how to use a punt and other craft for fishing. The Exhibition is open from 5th to 13th January.

March of the Muscovy

Morning walk for Mother Muscovy Duck and her brood of nine on a farm at Rowledge, near Farnham, Surrey.

New Year

—new idea!

Make 1962 a year for new activity. Whatever your out-door hobby, you can increase the scope and interest by joining the Y.H.A. Bird watchers, naturalists, photographers, and even train spotters walk or cycle around the country, spending the nights at one of nearly 300 youth hostels in England and Wales. If you're under 16, it costs only 5s. a year to join and 2s. a night at the hostels. (Slightly more for older members.) Meals are provided at reasonable prices or you can cook your own. Send this coupon for details.

CUT OUT

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Please send me free booklet "Going Places?" and an enrolment form.

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ADDRESS

find out!

JONQUIL ANTONY'S COLUMN



Here I am introducing myself to you all! And the first thing we have to do is to get to know one another because starting off in this way is like writing for the first time to a pen-friend. You're not really certain what the person the other end wants to hear about, so I'm relying on you to tell me what you want to read about.

Will you please write to me and say what you, personally, would like on the page?

Everyone has some problem or other, so if you're trying to solve something tricky all by yourself and feel you want to confide in someone, tell me about that, too. I can't guarantee my advice will be just what you're looking for, but at least I'll try!

Write me that letter today. This page belongs to you.

Every week you can picture me writing under difficulty. I have a small dog called Millie whose whole aim in life is to get settled on my lap whatever I'm doing. She doesn't mind if I'm typing.

Rather surprisingly Millie is a miniature bull-terrier. In the picture she is wearing a coat, as she suffers from the cold. I wonder

if your dog does, too, or if he's a hairy type?

I knitted Millie's coat for her, but now I hear that there's a new type of wool on the market—shower-proof wool!



So, if you'd like to knit a coat like Millie's for your dog (in the shower-proof wool or otherwise) you can find a pattern, as I did, in *Practical Knitting* book No. 416, from any wool-shop.

The writer of the famous MRS. DALE'S DIARY introduces her new feature "mainly for girls"

HERE'S a tip for a new party hair-do—a simple matter of bows. Buy a length of ribbon that matches your dress and experiment as you see in the illustrations.

Tell your boy friend its the latest thing from Paris—and he'll believe you!

The New Year is three days old already, and Saturday is "Twelfth Night," which has such a romantic sound about it. No wonder Shakespeare picked it as a good title for a comedy—probably some of you will be doing *Twelfth Night* at school next term?

It's very likely that Shakespeare went to quite a few "Twelfth Night" parties, and our ancestors always made a lot of this festival. They baked special decorated cakes and this tradition is still carried on today at the famous Drury Lane Theatre, in London.

At midnight members of the cast will all be gathering round to see an enormous cake cut. It is known as the Baddeley Cake because an 18th century actor, Robert Baddeley, left money to buy cake and wine for the cast to enjoy every Twelfth Night.



Talking of the Elizabethans, have you ever tried making one of those "pomander balls"? Queen Elizabeth I had a highly

sensitive nose and often sniffed at one. A pomander ball is an orange stuck all over with cloves so that the skin doesn't show.

If you do make one, put it away in a warm place for a week—the airing-cupboard is fine. At the end of the week take it out and trim it up with ribbons so that it can hang when you're not carrying it around. You'll be delighted with the result.

About parties—apart from "Twelfth Night" there's still the aftermath of the Christmas parties. Do you go along in tight trews or do you fancy a real party dress?

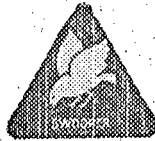
The newest craze for smart dresses to wear at any time is grey flannel. This may sound dull, but it's practical, and it's anything but dull if worn with the new colour combination of tan.

A tan belt on a grey flannel dress can make it a knockout. Dress it up, too, with a tan bag and shoes and there's your new spring outfit as well.

Don't forget to write!

Jonquil Antony

GREAT NEW CLUB FOR BIRD-SPOTTERS THE SWOOPERS CLUB



For all keen-eyed boys and girls—here's a new way for you to enjoy your spotting: outings to see wild birds and animals, your questions personally answered by Maxwell Knight, exciting and useful prizes to be won! And it's easy to join.



Maxwell Knight, famous naturalist, organises Swoopers Club for YOU.

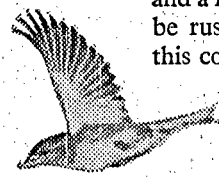
What Swoopers will be doing You can enter competitions: win prizes like binoculars and bird books to help you in your spotting.

Maxwell Knight is anxious to help you become a full-fledged spotter. He will send you a regular news-letter, packed with the kind of information bird-sporters need. Send him your questions—he'll answer them individually!

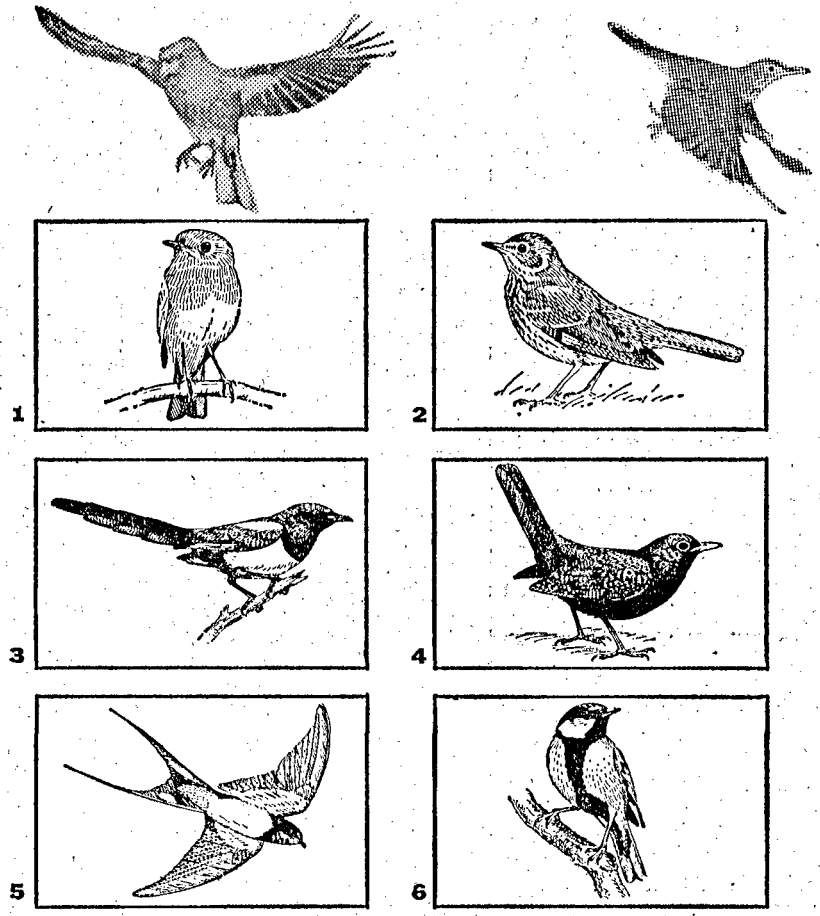
How to join Joining is easy—simply name the six birds shown here, and send your answers to Maxwell Knight at:

67 Gayfere Road, Stoneleigh, Epsom, Surrey

He will send you a Certificate of Membership and a lapel badge. Boys and girls everywhere will be rushing to join the Swoopers Club, so post this coupon today!



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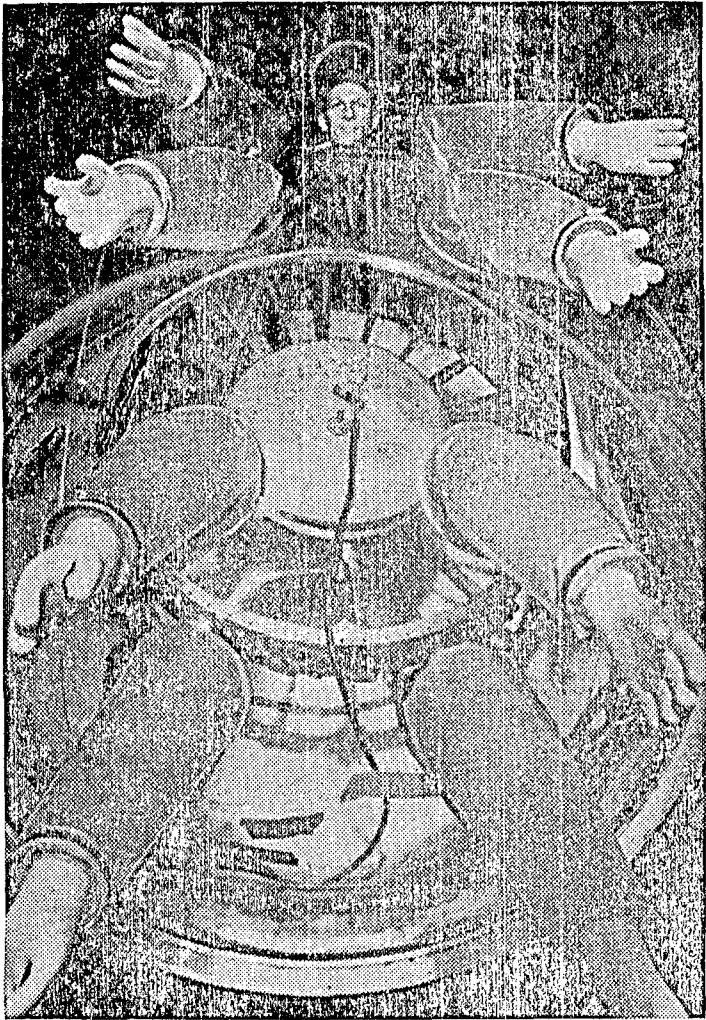


Birds not to scale

TO MAXWELL KNIGHT		NAME.....
The six birds in order are:		ADDRESS.....
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2.....	5.....	
3.....	6.....	

THIS WIDE WORLD

Many hands make . . .



BACK TO THE WINDOW

A lot of dogs seem to dislike postmen. In a Queensland seaside resort there is a dog which regularly bites postmen and then runs across the street and stands in front of a shop's plate-glass window. It seems to know that, with this background, even a bitten postman will hesitate to throw anything.

The story came out at a recent postal workers' meeting in Sydney. The Australian Postmaster-General was asked to provide better protection against dogs.

Long-distance salmon

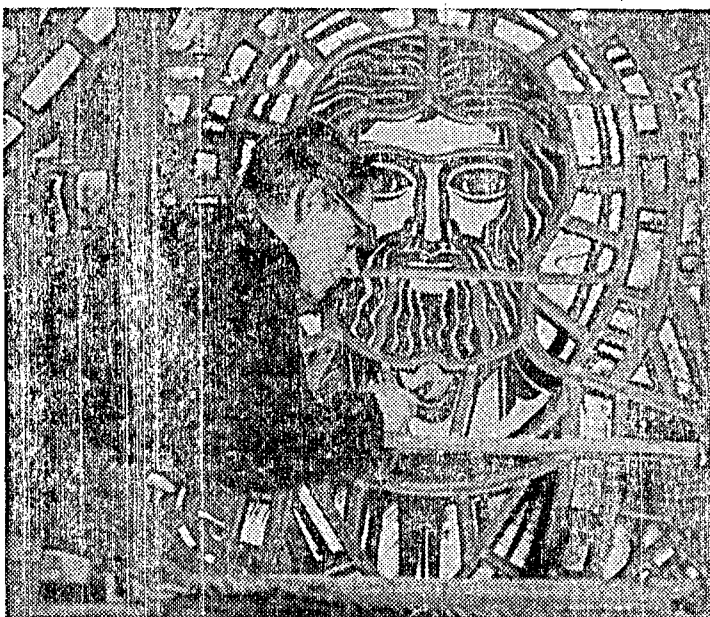
A Canadian Atlantic salmon which had been tagged in a river of New Brunswick was caught in Greenland about 16 months later, after an ocean trip of some 1,500 miles.

This is the longest migration yet recorded for Atlantic salmon.

This stained-glass window featuring St. Paul has been made in a North London glassworks. Measuring 25 feet high and seven feet wide, it weighs ten tons, and contains 3,000 sections of glass, all cut by Mr. Ronald Holloway, seen here. The window is to be set up in St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Salinas, California.

Not a creature from outer space, but simply an ordinary Earth man with a ticklish job. He is a welder at an air force base in Oklahoma, and with the eight hands he operates tools for precision work on aircraft parts which are sealed in argon gas.

St Paul of Salinas



Another look at Tristan da Cunha

What has happened to the cats, sheep, cattle, and donkeys left on Tristan da Cunha when the islanders were evacuated? An expedition to find out is to be financed by the British contribution to the World Wildlife Fund and carried out by the Royal Society.

So far more than £40,000 has been raised by the British Appeal Committee for the Fund, of which Prince Philip is President and Peter Scott is Chairman.

Possibly the Tristan sheep may flourish like those abandoned on the St. Kilda Islands in the Hebrides 31 years ago. Their descendants have reverted to the wild state, shedding their fleeces once a year, and the original flock of 100 has now increased to 900.

Geological survey

Two geologists sailed recently to Tristan in H.M.S. *Jaguar* to find out in advance how much of the island is covered by lava, how much could still be cultivated, and how many of the buildings have been left standing. They have reported to the Royal Society that the lava has overwhelmed the fish canning factory and the Big Beach. This month the Royal Society's expedition is to sail to the island from Cape Town.

APING THE ARTIST

After more than 90 of her "paintings" were sold during an exhibition in New York, the bank balance of Beauty, the three-year-old American chimpanzee painter, passed the 5,000-dollar mark.

One magazine has made the comment that she paints better now than Picasso did at the same age. So far, professional art critics have avoided comment.

RUMANIA RAISES READERS

Rumania has created efficient library services by taking advantage of the traditional custom by which villagers met in one another's houses to spin wool or shuck corn while recounting legends, reciting anecdotes or solving riddles. Librarians arranged that books were read aloud while the people worked and in this way many new readers were attracted to the libraries.

Rumania now has 16 large regional libraries and over 30,000,000 books in circulation.

ALL DONE ON PORPOISE

Three Australians in a 14-foot dinghy off the coast of Victoria had a rough time with a school of porpoises recently.

The porpoises decided that the small boat was a toy and butted it from one to the other and even lifted it right out of the water. The crew beat at the creatures with their oars, but the fun went on until the dinghy's motor was started.

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LET'S GO...



TO SCOTLAND YARD

A LINE of tall buildings facing the Thames and almost next to the Houses of Parliament forms the Metropolitan Police Headquarters—Scotland Yard.

"The Yard" is the nerve-centre of a force of some 18,000 police officers—both men and women—which has the job of keeping law and order among the nine million or so inhabitants of Greater London.

Broadly speaking, Scotland Yard's task is to receive an unending flow

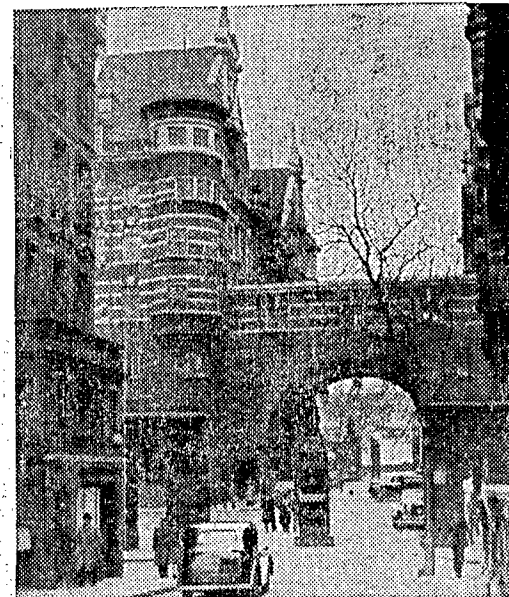
of information about crime, accidents, or anything which may specially affect either the flow of traffic or the safety or convenience of Londoners—such as a big fire, a Thames flood or a lost suitcase of dangerous drugs. And it must be prepared for the extra work involved by such events as Guy Fawkes' Night, Cup Final Day or a big State Occasion when certain streets are closed to traffic; or processions and political meetings.

The Information Room receives instant news of crimes and sends police patrol cars to deal with them—on land—or patrol boats if the trouble is on the river.

It receives its news both from police

officers and members of the public (on whose co-operation it greatly depends) and passes it as necessary to police stations. It is like the Intelligence branch of an army and its enemy is crime and disorder of all kinds.

Scotland Yard runs a wonderfully equipped laboratory for examining evidence—fingerprints, bullet-holes, the kind of mud on a pair of boots—and it keeps elaborate records of how individual criminals go about their work. It arranges recruiting and training, it buys buildings and equipment—from truncheons to teleprinters. And it co-operates with Interpol, the international organisation for fighting crime, whose headquarters are in Paris.



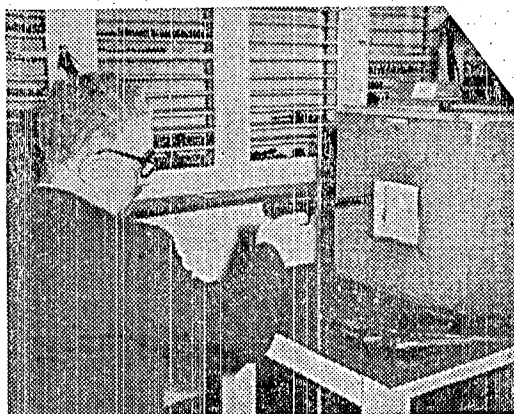
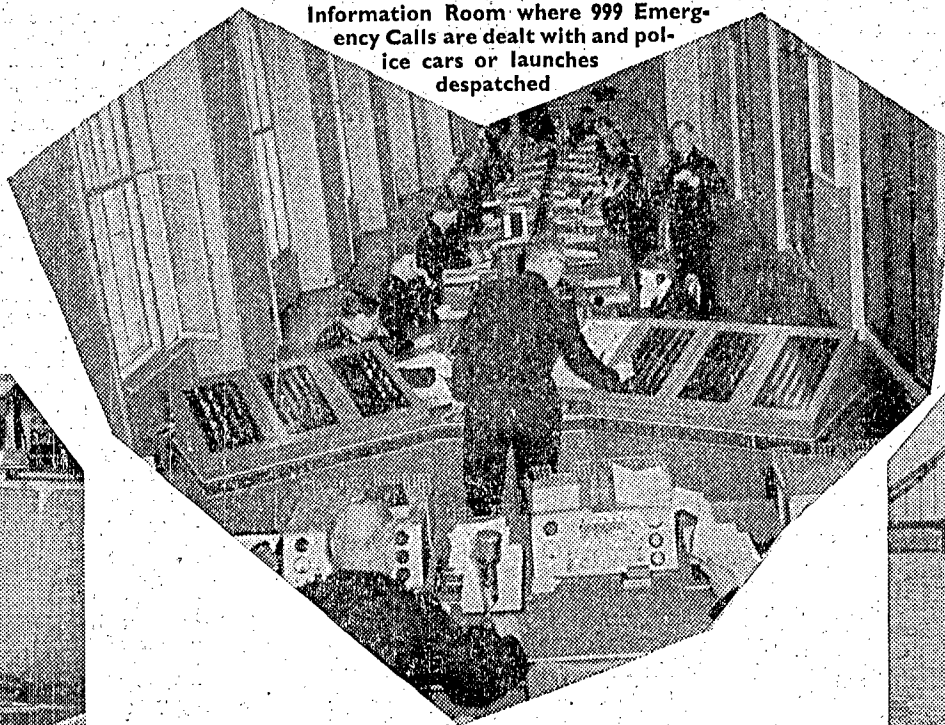
Main entrance from Whitehall. The Thames Embankment can be seen through the arch



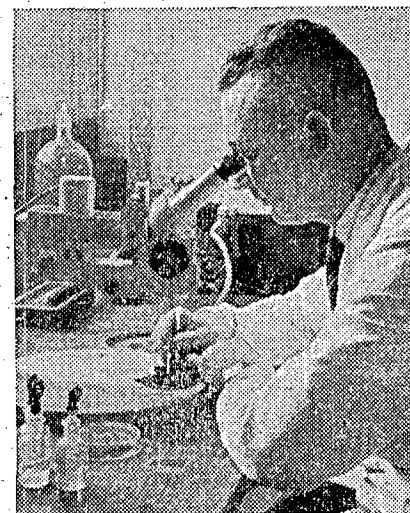
A policewoman reports by telephone

THE HEART OF NEW SCOTLAND YARD

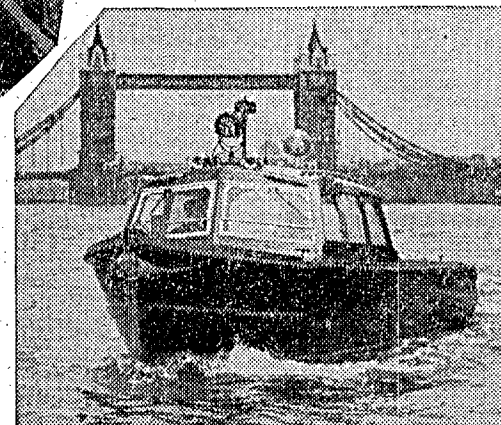
Information Room where 999 Emergency Calls are dealt with and police cars or launches despatched



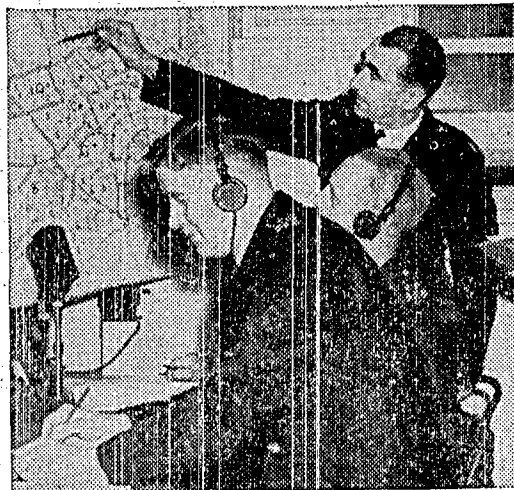
His work goes with a bang. Testing a pistol



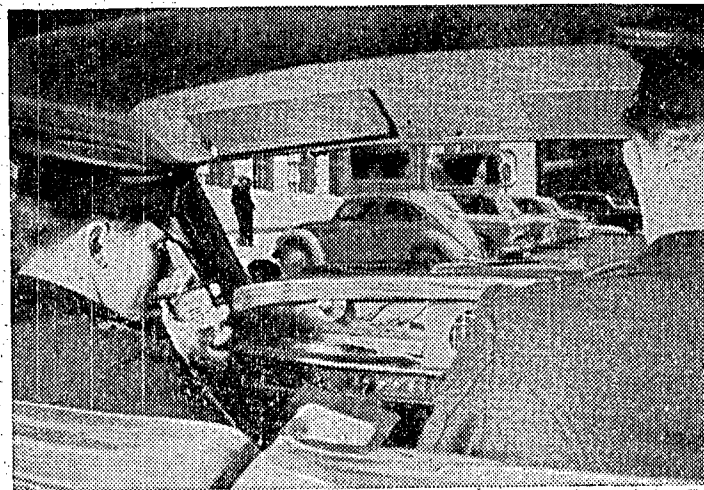
"Yard" biologist with a binocular microscope



Launch of the Thames Division on patrol



Eyes on London traffic. Central Control Room at "The Yard"



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TAKE A LOOK AT NATURE

WITH MAXWELL KNIGHT



BEGINNING A NEW SERIES
BY THE
FAMOUS TV PERSONALITY

BIRDS AT THE TABLE

A young friend of mine called Paddy is very interested in everything to do with animals. And, fortunately, his sister Jane is just as keen. It is always a good thing if two members of a family have the same hobby—they can compete with each other in a friendly way, and also help each other over identifying what they see and find, and with their notes and collections, too.

Both Paddy and Jane keep me busy by asking me questions; and so I think it may be of interest to those of you who want to become naturalists if I pass on to you, week by week, some of the information and advice I have given them.

ONE of the subjects for winter activity I discussed with Paddy and Jane was feeding the garden birds. For there is a right and wrong way to set about it.

It is usually after Christmas that we get our most severe weather, and that is the time when garden birds need more food than they may be able to find in the ordinary way.

Both Paddy and Jane know that tits like coconut.

"We've sawn one in half and hung it up in the garden," Paddy said.

"Come and see," Jane urged me.

I went out into the garden with them.

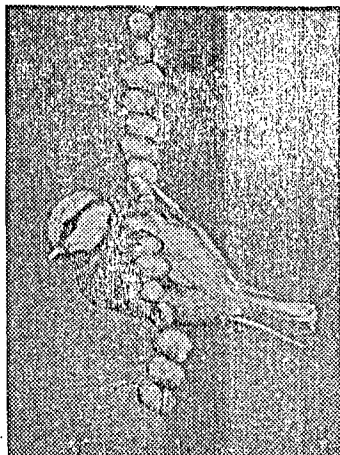
"There it is," Paddy said.

"Yes, I see," I replied. "And I

can also see that you've got it the wrong way up."

They had hung the half-coconut up with the shell underneath. This is no good because the rain or snow simply collects in the hollow of the nut.

This, as I told my two young friends, is the way to go about the job. Having sawn your coconut

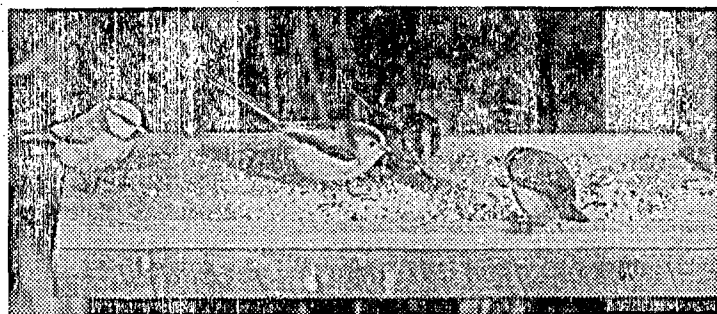


Blue tit clinging for its supper—to a string of nuts

John Markham

Blue tits and long-tailed tits share a meal on a bird table

Eric Hosking



in two, you should drill two holes through the middle of the shell and thread wire through them so that the half nut hangs open and downwards. This prevents wet getting in and the nut doesn't rot. If you have it high enough, you will also be able to watch the antics of the tits (and other small birds, too) inside as they attack the kernel. (By the way, never put out shredded coconut of any kind as it will swell up inside them and harm the birds.)

Provide a roof

If you want a bird table remember that one with a roof is best because it protects the food from rain. There should also be a batten at least 1½ in. to 2 in. round the edge of your table to keep the food from being knocked off or blown away by the wind.

While bread of all kinds can be eaten by birds, I am sure that brown or wholemeal bread is best. It is more nourishing and gets less "soggy." Cake crumbs are good, and so are the remains of any cooked pastry.

Jane asked me the other day what was the best way to hang up fat and suet.

What you must do is to make a little bag out of wire netting (½ in. mesh) and put the fat in this. If you hang it on a nail or hook underneath your table, you

will find that it keeps dry and the net prevents waste.

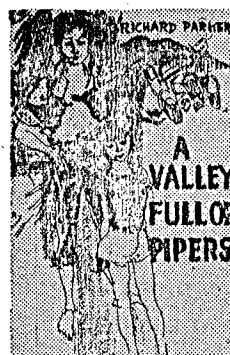
Then Paddy wanted to know whether it was better to thread peanuts on wire or to have them in a "hopper"—which lets the birds get at only one or two nuts at a time.

"Either method will do," I told him. "Or both, if you can manage it."

I also told them both that they shouldn't forget other birds, such as hedgesparrows and blackbirds, which prefer to feed on the ground. Many seed-eating birds do this, too; and you can help them by having an old tray or a piece of wooden board on which you scatter seeds. You can buy mixed bird seed from a pet shop, or a specially made-up food which includes dried insects. You will increase the number of species visiting you if you remember the seed-eaters.

No anti-freeze

It is important, too, not to forget water. In hard weather birds get thirsty, and you must do what you can to keep your bird bath or water bowl from freezing over. Top it up first thing in the morning with hot water, or stand the vessel on a heated brick. But whatever you do, don't add glycerine to the water as an anti-freeze!



CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER BOOK CHOICE



1. The Pipers of Piper's Creek

From my window I can see down the valley as far as Mount Dromedary, which is about ten or twelve miles away on the other side of the River Derwent.

Right down below us is my Uncle Ross' place. Uncle Ross is very rich and his farm fills all the top end of the valley. Below him the next farm belongs to my Uncle Merv who is if anything a bit richer than Uncle Ross, and below that again is my grandfather's farm, which is about the best in these parts.

OUR name is Piper and we've lived in this valley in Tasmania for just over a hundred and fifty years. The valley is called Piper's, the creek that runs down it is called Piper's Creek, and the little township, which consists of a post office, a school and a store, is called O'Hara, which was the name of Jem Piper's wife before he married her.

Where do we come into this picture? Well my father's name is Colin Piper and he is younger than Uncle Ross and Uncle Merv. Instead of farming like the rest of the family he went off to work on the mainland when he was only about seventeen. He had various jobs and a lot of fun but never managed to save any money. Then he came back here to Piper's Creek and bought a bit of land and we've been farming here ever since. I might add that it's very hard work because the soil is so poor, and as a result we are not at all rich. Quite the opposite.

Trudging from school

So there we are. On this particular day I'm telling about I'd just arrived home from school so it must have been about quarter past four. We came out of school at quarter past three but it takes me the best part of an hour to walk up from O'Hara. It's only two-and-a-bit miles but the gradient is so steep that it's a matter of trudge, trudge. Also I usually have Leonie, who is my young sister, with me and she has to be towed the last part of the way because she is only little.

I went in to put my school bag in my bedroom and was staring out of the window at Mount Dromedary and the school bus which had just come up the road with the older children who went to the High School. I have a special interest in the school bus because my older brother Vince is the driver.

Listening for the bus

I watched the last two get out of the bus and then Vince started up the slope. The shabby old brown and cream bus crept under the edge of the hill so that I could no longer see it.

I opened the window to find out if I could hear the engine, yet, and I could. It makes a tremendous racket and the smoke belches out of a couple of holes in the muffler. It's a proper bomb, and Vince spends hours a week just keeping it going. A lot of the parents complain and say that they won't



have their children travelling in such a vehicle because it is not safe. But Vince can't do anything about it; he certainly can't afford to buy a new bus.

Suddenly I realised that I could not hear the engine any more, and I thought Vince must have stopped to let the engine cool off. Sometimes it boiled before he could get home. So I went out, filled a jerrycan with water and started off to meet him.

Vince in trouble

Mum saw me and called out "Where are you going with that water?"

"Taking it down to Vince," bawled. "I reckon he boiled."

"Can't he wait, like he usually does? We haven't got any water to spare, you know."

"It'll save time," I said, edging past.

But as it happened the bus hadn't boiled. When I reached I saw Vince sitting on a rock in front of it with his head in his hands.

"I reckon it's the clutch gone again," he said. "Tell Mum I'll be an hour or two. I've got to



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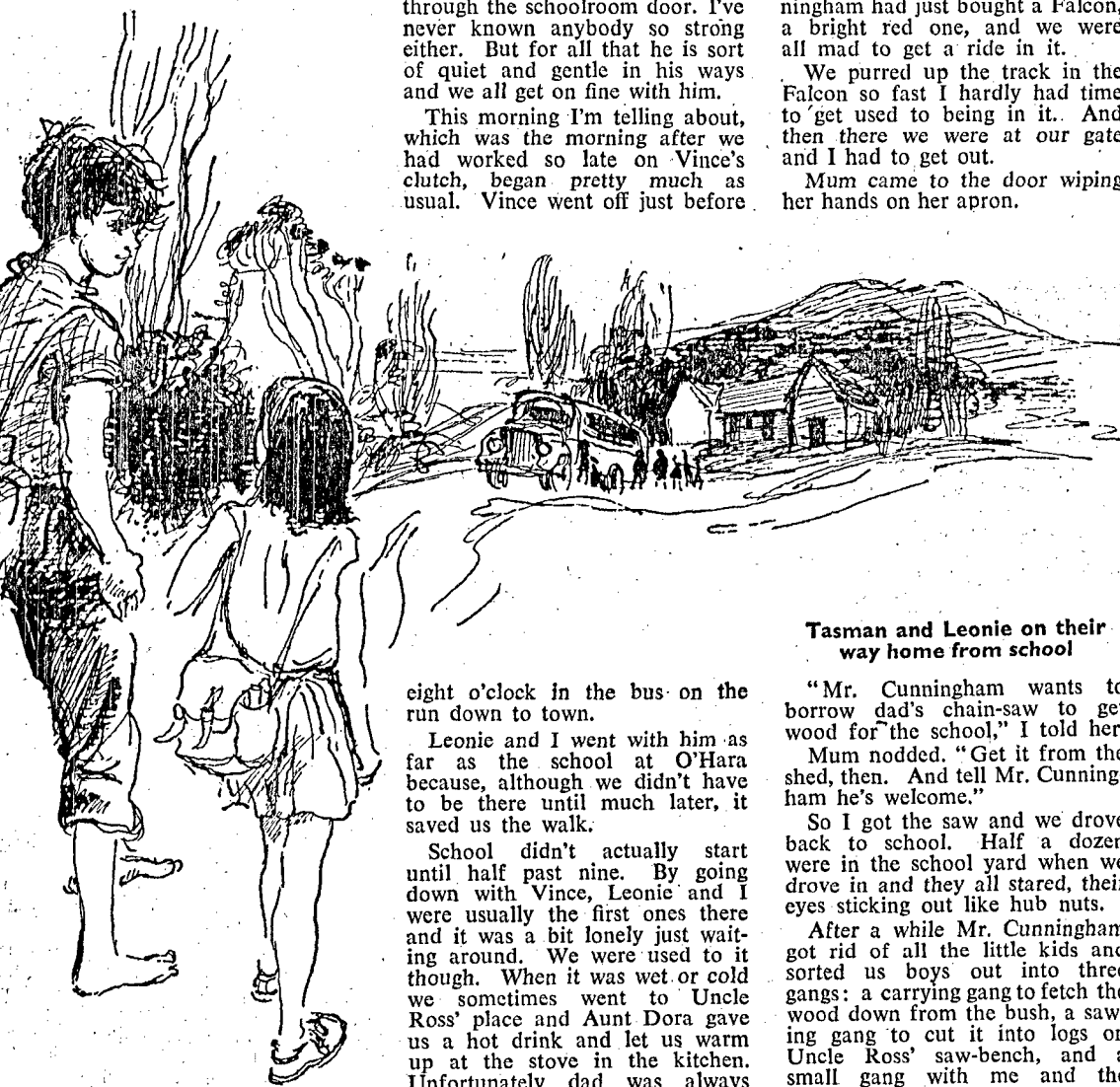
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get it right for tomorrow morning."

I knew he had. He'd had the bus off the road a couple of times before and they had written him a letter saying they would not renew his contract if he broke down a third time.

"Oh, and bring me the big wrench will you?" Vince added.

I went back up to the house with the jerrycan of water and found the wrench.



"Where are you going with that?" mum called out.

"I'm taking it down to Vince," I said. "He's got to work on the bus and he said he won't be up for an hour or two."

"I know his hour or two," mum said. "We'll be lucky if we see him before midnight once he starts taking that old thing to pieces. I'll give you a flask of tea and a bit of something to eat to take down to him." She looked at me. "And don't you stay down there helping him; you come straight back again."

But when I got down to the bottom of the hill Vince needed me, so I stayed on and we shared the tea and the chunk of cake mum had given me for him.

We didn't finish putting the clutch right until gone nine o'clock, and when we did get back indoors the way mum went on you would have thought I'd run away to sea or something.

The school at O'Hara is small, but real nice. It's friendly and easy-going and no one pushes you around. Though it's only been like that since Mr. Cunningham came. Before him we had a Mr. Bierce who was pretty terrible.

Mr. Cunningham is simply huge and has to stoop to come in through the schoolroom door. I've never known anybody so strong either. But for all that he is sort of quiet and gentle in his ways and we all get on fine with him.

This morning I'm telling about, which was the morning after we had worked so late on Vince's clutch, began pretty much as usual. Vince went off just before

could borrow your father's chain-saw for the day. Never mind. I reckon tomorrow will do just as well."

I couldn't bear that. A day's wooding was fun and if he put it off he might change his mind.

"I'll go back and fetch it, sir," I said. "Wouldn't take me long."

"Right up that hill? You'd be half the morning getting there and back." Mr. Cunningham paused. "I know—I'll run you up in the car."

This was better still. Mr. Cunningham had just bought a Falcon, a bright red one, and we were all mad to get a ride in it.

We purred up the track in the Falcon so fast I hardly had time to get used to being in it. And then there we were at our gate and I had to get out.

Mum came to the door wiping her hands on her apron.

Tasman and Leonie on their way home from school

"Mr. Cunningham wants to borrow dad's chain-saw to get wood for the school," I told her.

Mum nodded. "Get it from the shed, then. And tell Mr. Cunningham he's welcome."

So I got the saw and we drove back to school. Half a dozen were in the school yard when we drove in and they all stared, their eyes sticking out like hub nuts.

After a while Mr. Cunningham got rid of all the little kids and sorted us boys out into three gangs: a carrying gang to fetch the wood down from the bush, a sawing gang to cut it into logs on Uncle Ross' saw-bench, and a small gang with me and the chain-saw to cut the stuff down small enough for carrying.

The gang who went up to Uncle Ross' were in the charge of a big chap we called Bulldog.

"Don't forget to ask Mr. Ross Piper very politely if it's all right to use his circular saw," Mr. Cunningham said.

Then we all went off on our different jobs, and my gang was busy in the bush all the morning. At lunch time we went back to the school and sat around the yard eating our sandwiches.

By and by Mr. Cunningham came out and gave us an ear-bashing about playing the fool up at the saw-bench and how anyone might lose a finger or two, or even an arm, if they didn't treat

a circular saw with respect. And I got given the job of working at the saw-bench.

Throughout the afternoon we got on with it. It was nearly three o'clock and home-time when old Mrs. Galt came over from the post office.

"Got a phone message for Mr. Cunningham," she said.

"Give me the message and I'll pass it on," I said.

Mrs. Galt screwed her eyes up and peered at me. "Who are you?"

"Tas Piper," I said. Everybody calls me Tas, which is short for Tasman.

"Oh, well, it was your brother who was on the phone."

"Vince. What did he say?"

"He's broken down in that old bus of his. He says to get your Uncle Ross to send his truck down and do the run for him today."

Message for Uncle Ross

I could just see myself going along to Uncle Ross and putting it to him like that.

"You said the message was for Mr. Cunningham, didn't you?" I said.

But Mrs. Galt only cackled like somebody shaking up a case of broken cups and saucers, and tottered off.

When Mr. Cunningham came back, I gave him the message.

"That's a fast one," he said. "I reckon I'll pass the ball right back to you, Tas."

"You don't mean I've got to tell Uncle Ross?" I said, beginning to feel panic.

"Don't I?" he said. "Look, I've just had a session with your Uncle Ross and he was not at all pleased with me. It appears he doesn't like to have his saw-bench appropriated without so much as a by your leave." Mr. Cunningham drew a deep breath. "I've a bone to pick with friend Bulldog for that little piece of unpleasantness."

He looked round, but Bulldog had vanished.

"Oh well, it can wait," Mr. Cunningham said. "But you'd better trot up now and explain to Mr. Ross Piper yourself. I only hope you get on better than I did."

Unhappy mission

I could hardly leave Vince in the lurch, so I had no choice but to do my best with Uncle Ross, no matter how bad-tempered he was.

I went across to the house, Aunt Dora must have thought I had come for the milk, which I usually collected about this time, because she got a billy and filled it from the big dairy fridge.

"Vince has broken down again, Aunt Dora," I blurted out.

"Oh," she said. "What a pity it had to be today. Just when your uncle's got himself all worked up about his silly old saw."

"I wonder if you'd mind telling him, Aunt?" I said.

"Telling him what?" demanded a voice from the other room.

Then my uncle came in.

My Uncle Ross is a big man, bigger even than Mr. Cunningham. When he came through that kitchen door that day in his red shirt, he just looked like a great red bulldozer.

"Who's going to tell me what?" he said again in that fee-fi-fum voice of his.

Somehow or other I managed to get the message out and then there was a silence which seemed to last for hours.

Stormy outlook

I stood and watched Uncle Ross. First he widened his nostrils and breathed in—I could hear the air rushing through like into the pipe of a vacuum cleaner. His face went a deep red and his eyes seemed to bulge.

"I might have known it!" he said. He started off quietly, almost whispering. "That Vince! Like the rest of your broken-down family. Always waiting for somebody else to come along and get them out of some mess or other."

All this time his voice was getting louder.

"Bludgers!" he roared. "Every one of them! Well, this time he can crawl out of his own mess. I'm not taking the truck down and I'm not going to tow him back. Maybe then the Department will get someone with a reliable bus to do the job . . ."

If you've got the idea that I'm frightened of Uncle Ross you'd be right. I'm terrified of him. But even so the things he was saying made me so angry that for a few seconds I forgot to be afraid.

"You don't think the kids want to ride in your truck, do you?" I screamed at him. "With you shouting at them all the way home? They'd rather walk!"

Spilt milk

Uncle Ross opened his mouth and left it open; it was quite a sight. Unfortunately I was too worked up to see the humour of it.

What was more, I had this billy of milk in my hand that we had at half price because we were poor relatives, and when I thought of that it seemed to rile me more than the things he had said.

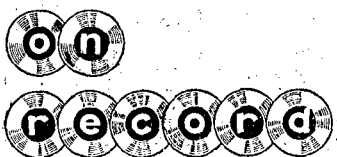
"What's more," I shouted at him, "we don't need your mucky milk!"

And with that I gave the billy a twitch and before I could stop it the milk shot across the kitchen and spread out all over Uncle Ross' red shirt.

Then I really was scared, I stood there and looked at what I'd done.

Before anybody could move, the empty billy dropped from my hand. But I moved quicker than the billy: before it hit the floor I was already through the kitchen door and half-way across the yard.

To be continued



How many girls in the Top Twenty?

Look at the Top Twenty records at almost any time and you will discover that 15 or 16 of the singers, sometimes even more, are men. (It is not that fewer girls try to reach the top, but very few get there.)

EVEN American girl singers are lagging far behind the men. For every mention of Sarah Vaughan, Ella Fitzgerald, or Peggy Lee, you get a dozen of Sinatra or Presley.

"It could be," a record company executive told me, "that many more girls buy records than do boys. And so it is the Cliff Richards, the Adam Faiths and new boys like Eden Kane who have been the successes."

Connie Francis is a girl with a completely original style—and yet only rarely can she get a single record in to the hit parade over



here. But her latest album is a very fine piece of work. Called *Songs To A Swingin' Band* (MGM, C870. LP 35s. 3d.) it features Connie at her very best—in all her moods. Despite the somewhat misleading title, some of the numbers included are reflective and rather sad. Connie handles them all very well.

BOY WHO ASKED FOR MORE

OLIVER TWIST, one of the best known of all Dickens' novels, comes to BBC Junior TV next Sunday. This famous story of the poor workhouse boy who falls among thieves, has been adapted as a 13-part serial by Constance Cox.

The part of Oliver will be taken by 13-year-old Bruce Prochnik, who made his first TV appearance less than a month ago in a late-night play, *A Book With Chapters In It*.

Actress Maureen Pryor, who was seen as his mother in that play, said: "Bruce is a natural actor with a sort of sixth sense. The way he played to the various cameras was marvellous, especially

in Lionel Bart's play, *Oliver!* at the New Theatre, London. Just before Christmas he took over the lead part for three weeks. His stage career began at Christmas 1960, when his singing teacher recommended him for the Tiny Tim part in Dickens' *Christmas Carol* at the Pembroke Theatre, Croydon. It was then he was "discovered" for the West End.

Fagin, the arch-thief and trainer of thieves, will be played by Max Adrian, and the Artful Dodger by Melvyn Hayes. Willoughby Goddard has the part of Mr. Bumble the Beadle, who has charge of poor Oliver at the outset of his career.

Dickens' novels have always been



a great success on TV. Owen Reid, Head of BBC Junior TV, told me that the announcement of a new Dickens serial always causes a run on the book in the public libraries. So if this famous work is not already on your shelves, queue up for it in good time.



By Ernest Thomson

as he had never before been in front of a TV or film camera."

Bruce, whose father is Polish, lives at Kings Langley, Hertfordshire. He is a fine singer and has been understudying the Oliver part

OTHER NEW DISCS

Bryan Johnson is just getting over the most expensive tonsils operation you can imagine. "They had to come out," he told me sadly. "And that meant I had to cancel a South African tour and a season in pantomime, quite apart from other engagements."

The last thing he did before going into hospital was to record the *Theme From El Cid* (Decca, F.11411. Single 6s. 9d.). The doctors allowed him an extra day so that he could make the record. It will be his last for some time!

Jess Conrad, who sang *Mystery Girl* and found himself among the top favourites with teenagers, sings about another girl on his new disc. Called *Hey Little Girl*, it is on Decca F.115412 (4s. 6s. 9d.).

There is a fine new recording of Verdi's *Otello* by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra with Mario Del Monaco, and Renata Tebaldi. The Conductor is Herbert von Karajan (Decca, MET.209/10/11. Three LPs 47s. 6d. each).

Learn to play with Russ Conway

How would you like piano lessons from Russ Conway? They are yours for the turn of a switch at 5.45 p.m. every Wednesday, beginning this week.

Russ, who is now in the Far East, recorded six programmes before he left for junior radio in the BBC Home Service. In each one he shows how a difficult piece of music can be played in simplified style on the famous Russ Conway principle. Each week, too, we can hear him in one of his own well-known compositions.

Royal Event, by the way, was composed at the time of Princess Margaret's wedding, almost the only Russ Conway tune with a ready-made title.

"I usually think of the title



afterwards," Russ told me. "Even the title *China Tea* was an afterthought, just because, when I'd written it, the tune sounded Chinese!"

Jennings "OK for Sound"

JENNINGS and Darbishire have passed the voice test. In other words, Hugh Janes and Adrian Walker, who played the two friends in the last radio series of Anthony Buckeridge's *Jennings At School*, have proved at audition that their voices have not yet broken. They will take the air in six completely new episodes beginning on 13th January.

"It is always a toss-up whether we shall have to change the cast because the voices are going," Producer Graham Gauld told me. "Temple, Venables, and Atkinson will all probably have to be new boys this time."

Fortunately the same problem does not arise in the case of the masters. Once again Messrs. Carter and Wilkins will be played by Geoffrey Wincott and Wilfrid Babbage. Incidentally, the producer thinks that the new scripts are among the best that Anthony Buckeridge has ever turned out.

HALIDAY IS HERE AGAIN

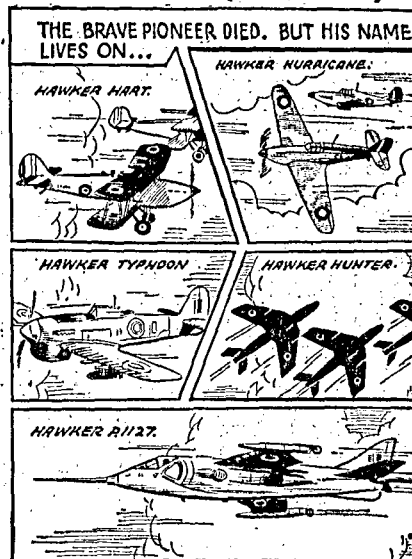
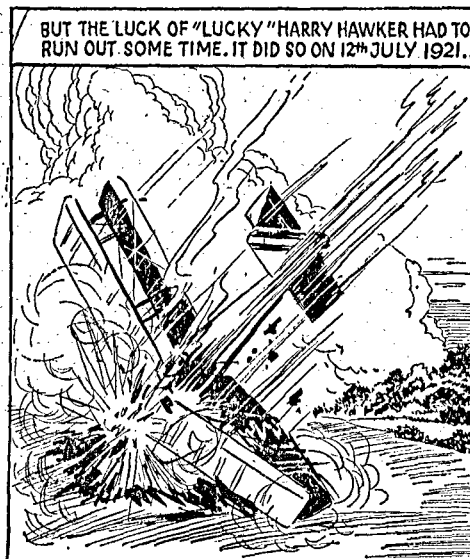
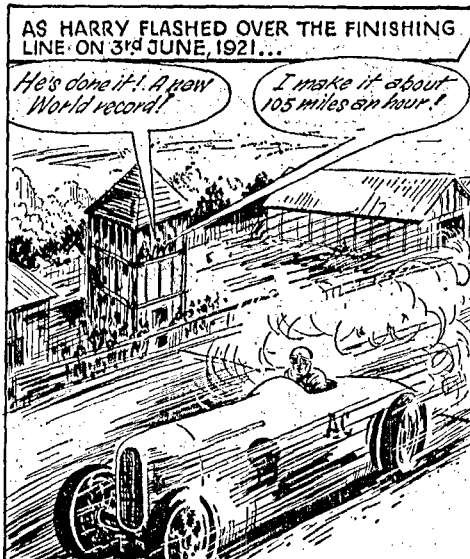
GARRY HALIDAY, the charter pilot, is back in a new BBC Junior TV series of adventures beginning on Saturday.

As ever, he is played by Terence Longden, but this time there is a new co-pilot called Nigel Fox, a part taken by Frederick Treves. The BBC tell me that Garry's old pal, Bill Dodds, is out of the flying business, having happily married and settled down.

There is no settling down, however, for "The Voice" (Elwyn Brooke-Jones), who was last heard of roaming the desert. He turns up this time in the first episode.

Nigel Fox has a sister, Vicky, who takes quite a big part in the adventures, and she will be played by Audrey Nicholson.

HARRY HAWKER—FLYING PIONEER AND RACING DRIVER (Final instalment)



WHO'S WHO at the ZOO

Tobacco-tin for a penguin's nest

REGENT'S PARK's colony of 21 Cape or black-footed penguins has several pairs now nesting, some in caves in the Mappin Terrace Pond enclosure, others in kennels at the Penguin Pool.

"Meanwhile, the male birds are most amusing to watch," said an official. "When not on guard outside their homes, they go round looking for extra odds and ends for nest linings, and pick up empty matchboxes, twigs, bits of silver paper, and even spent matches. In one case a male penguin picked up an empty tobacco-tin and rushed off proudly with it to his nest. What sort of reception he got from his sitting mate I do not know, but the tin is still apparently there."

"A further touch of fun is provided by these birds just now, for sometimes when a pair leave their nest to have a swim, they return home to find they have been raided by other birds which have made off with much of the material."

Noisy African cricket

The Zoo insect house is normally one of the quietest in the gardens. But not just now.. For there has arrived there a small but noisy stowaway—an African cricket. It arrived the other day in a consignment of bananas from the Cameroons, and was offered to the Zoo, which had not owned one for about four years.

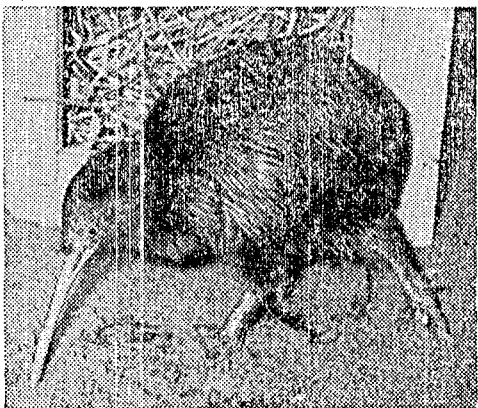
Although so small—it measures only 1½ inches—this cricket looks very fierce, especially if seen under a magnifier. It has a brown body with an orange-coloured back and is covered with spines. It is easy to feed, and takes almost anything. But it makes a surprisingly loud high-pitched sound by rubbing the legs and wing-cases together.

African crickets are quarrelsome creatures, and fight each other if caged together.

A KIWI EATS 200 EARTHWORMS A DAY

The Zoo is hoping to replace its most valuable bird, the £500 Mantell's kiwi, Busby, which died last month.

"There is only one snag in keeping a kiwi in captivity," an official told me. "These birds each eat about 200 earthworms a day, and when we have a kiwi in residence we have to make special arrangements with a worm-farm."



No mother-love for lovebirds

IN a special nursery cage behind the scenes at the Parrot House there are just now three young Fischer's lovebirds, from Africa. Keepers are unusually proud of these triplets, which they have had to rear by hand because of the rough treatment the chicks got from their mother. For some reason or other she began plucking out their feathers.

Realising that if this sort of

thing went on their lives would be in danger, the keepers removed the triplets to their present nursery cage, where they have since been fed on soft food. But the young lovebirds are far from friendly and peck quite viciously at the keepers' fingers.

Squirrel in a white coat

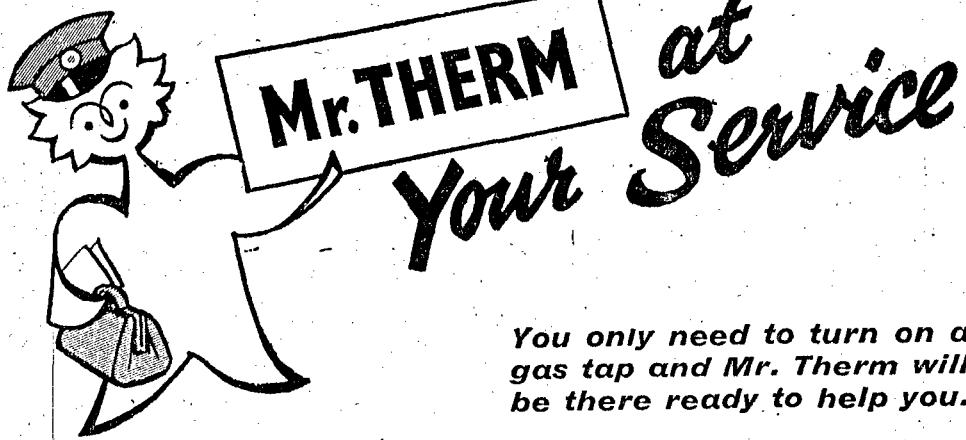
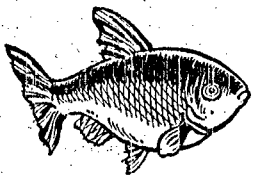
A VERY handsome squirrel with a gleaming white coat and pink eyes has been given to the London Zoo. The animal is at present undergoing a health check at the sanatorium, but, all being well, will shortly be seen in one of the outdoor cages at the Central Mammal House.

It was caught in a Kentish wood. It is a male, and as the Zoo already has a young female white squirrel (Snowy), the pair will be introduced to each other later.

Craven Hill

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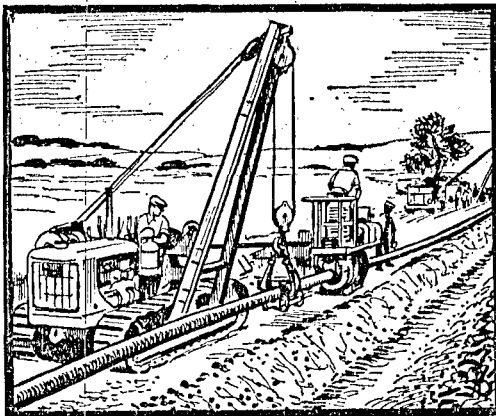
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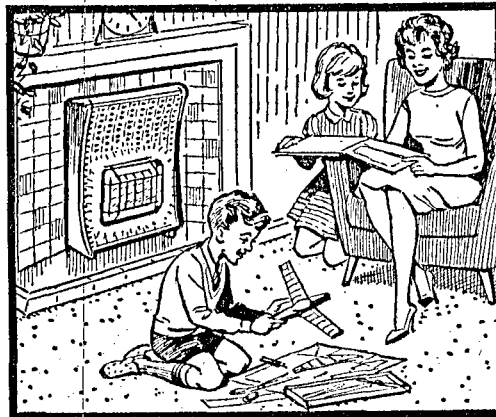
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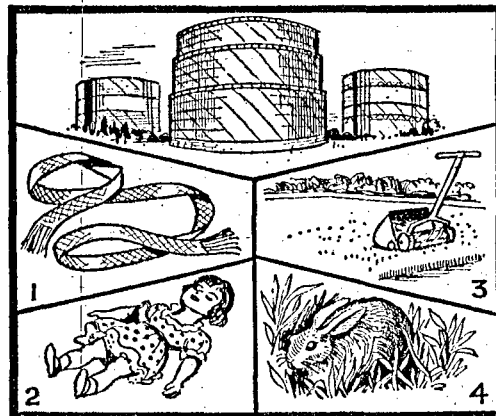
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THIS WEEK'S HIDDEN WORD WINNERS

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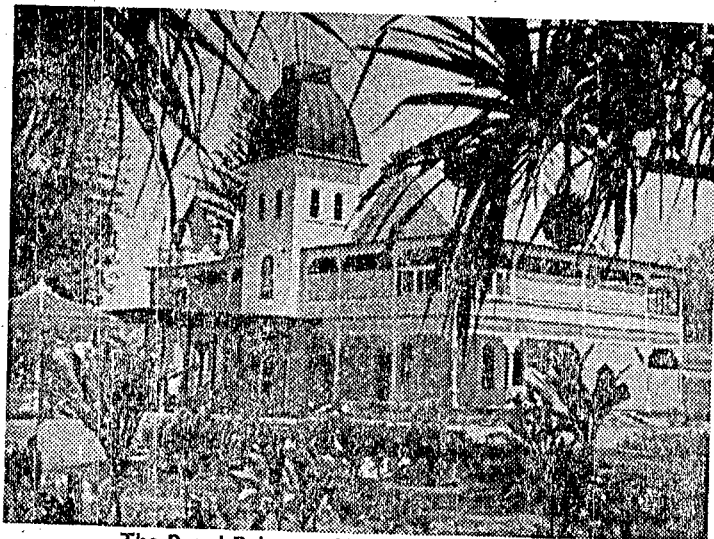
GAS MEANS REAL WARMTH

NEW STAMPS FROM THE FRIENDLY ISLANDS

The stamps of Tonga are very popular with collectors. On the 1d. stamp of the current series (seen below) you will see a portrait of Queen Salote and a view of the royal palace on the island of Tongatapu.

The first stamps of Tonga were issued in 1886 and portrayed the king who was then reigning, George Tupou I. To mark the 75th anniversary of the first issue, a new series of five pictorial stamps has just been released in Tonga.

The 1d. value reproduces one of the original stamps of 1886. The 4d. value has a view of the General Post Office on Tongatapu, while the 2d. stamp shows a whaling vessel of the 1880s.



The Royal Palace at Nuku'alofa on Tongatapu

on the island of Vava'u. The cave gets its name from the number of swallows which nest in the roof. In calm weather tourists visit the cave by motor-launch and swim in the crystal-clear water.

The kingdom over which Queen Salote rules consists of 150 islands in the Pacific Ocean. Tongans have always had a reputation for courtesy and friendliness. When Captain Cook visited the



Tongan island of Lifuka, in 1777, its inhabitants greeted him so hospitably that he christened it "Friendly Island." Later this name was

given to the whole group of islands.

Many collectors have in their albums one of the envelopes carried by "Tin Can Mail." These come from Niuafoou, the island where the mail is taken in sealed tins by canoe to passing ships.

Russian ballet

Two beautiful new stamps from the Soviet Union pay tribute

to the Russian ballet companies whose tours have been so popular in recent years. One stamp depicts a scene from "Swan Lake," and the other, pictured here, shows the ballet of "Romeo and Juliet."



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BOY JEWELLERS

Every year for the past six years the members of a boys' club at Taff's Well, Glamorgan, have given £100 to a school for spastics in their district. They raise the money by selling artificial jewellery which they make in their spare time from suitable odds and ends.

School car club

LESSONS over, the pupils at Clay Cross secondary modern school, Derbyshire, exchange their desks for a driving seat.

Watched by masters, the boys take turns to cruise around the playground behind the wheel of an Austin which was presented to them by a Chesterfield garage. The Headmaster, Mr. Phillip Ratcliffe, explained: "The 20 boys in the club are given tuition in driving and maintenance.

"The idea of starting them so early is to give them better road sense when they leave school.

"Although some of the club members are only 11 they are quite good drivers."

The boys are hoping to build their own car during the winter.

CN Prizewinners

Congratulations to these five winners of CN Competition No. 11, each of whom was awarded a Games Compendium: Michael Clark, Southport; Robert Holt, Middlesbrough; Alan Horsley, Leigh-on-Sea; Elizabeth Leachman, Kenilworth; Sylvia Richardson, Preston.

Boxes of Christmas Crackers went to the ten next-best entries, sent in by: Paul Barron, Churwell; Susan Bott, Leicester; Elizabeth Drury, Eastbourne; John Goddard, Chester; Brian Harvey, Basingstoke; Judith Huggins, London, E.11; Anita Sancha, London, W.14; Roger Southcott, Wellington; Eleanor Taylor, London, S.W.8; and Sarah Wood, London, N.W.8.

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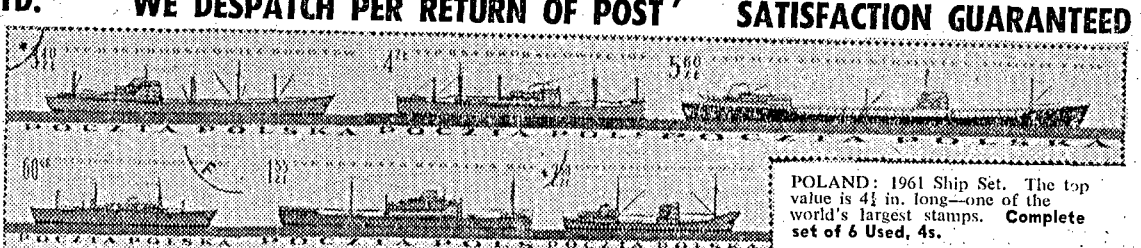
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PUZZLE PARADE

Crossword puzzle

READING ACROSS. 4 Made from flour and water. 7 Trustworthy. 8 Overflow or be plentiful. 10 Reserves. 13 Creature found on the shore—but beware of his pincers. 14 Half. 15 Goes with rock! 16 Affirmative. 17 Narrow valley. 19 Former Russian ruler. 21 Two needed for Chinese food. 23 Information. 24 On one occasion. 26 Title. 27 More quickly. 29 The middle of a church. 32 Skin of a fur-bearing animal. 33 Awarded for bravery. 34 Retreat. 35 Repaired. 36 Road.

READING DOWN. 1 As green as—. 2 Shine. 3 Identical. 4 Gem found in oysters. 5 Cobbler. 6 Does he ride the range? 9 Sea between Scandinavia, Russia, and Germany. 11 Favourite. 12 Correct. 13 Companion or partner. 15 Corded silk fabric. 16 Type of ox found in Central Asia. 18 Weighted or filled. 20 Spectacle or view. 21 Automobile. 22 Explosive. 23 Turn aside. 25 Eggs. 28 Lively. 30 Love deeply. 31 Escape. 32 Dog—but a small one. 33 Chum.

Answer below



Guessing the bill

"I WOULD like the white football, please, Uncle Tim," said Jimmy. "The brown one is better," advised his uncle. "It costs 47s. 6½d. and the ball costs 47s. more than the lace. Tell me the individual cost of each and I will buy you the ball you prefer."

Jimmy thought hard and then gave the correct answer.

Can you?

MONTH IN MIND

My first is in Jack and also in Jill,
My second's in valley but not in hill.
My third is in now and also in then,
My fourth is in duck but not in hen.
My fifth is in calendar, also in date,
My sixth is in saucer but not in plate.
My seventh's in fairy but not in wand—
My whole is a month when we skate on the pond!

Fruit and nut

The names of two fruits and a nut are hidden below. How quickly can you find them?

A fly buzzed round Tim's head, and he beat the air wildly. "Did you think it was a bee?" chuckled Pat, spearing himself a doughnut. "Yes, and I didn't want to get stung!" grumbled Tim. "Remember how Tom Chapple suffered through a sting?"

Help from an enemy

THE unfrozen patch in the centre of the lake was growing daily smaller as the frost increased. Already the wild duck and all the coots, except Baldy the Boastful, had flown to the coastal feeding grounds.

But Baldy's favourite stretch of water, sheltered by an overhanging willow, where weeds were juicy and snails plentiful, had remained ice-free, too.

"It has never frozen. That's why I chose it!" he boasted. Which was true, for there had been no hard frost till now.

"As for Enemy Otter and her cubs in the holt under the willow, they went two moons ago," he boasted further. "So there is no danger from there."

Which was not true. For travelling otters also used the holt, and one had arrived that dawn.

The way to the holt's under-water entrance lay directly through Baldy's territory, but he was dozing at its far edge when Otter went out at dusk to swim beneath the ice to hunt fish.

The sleepy Coot did not notice Otter bringing small fish to eat on the surface in the frozen patch; nor how he broke holes in the thin ice, by butting upwards with his head, to eat his catch on the surface of the water there, too.

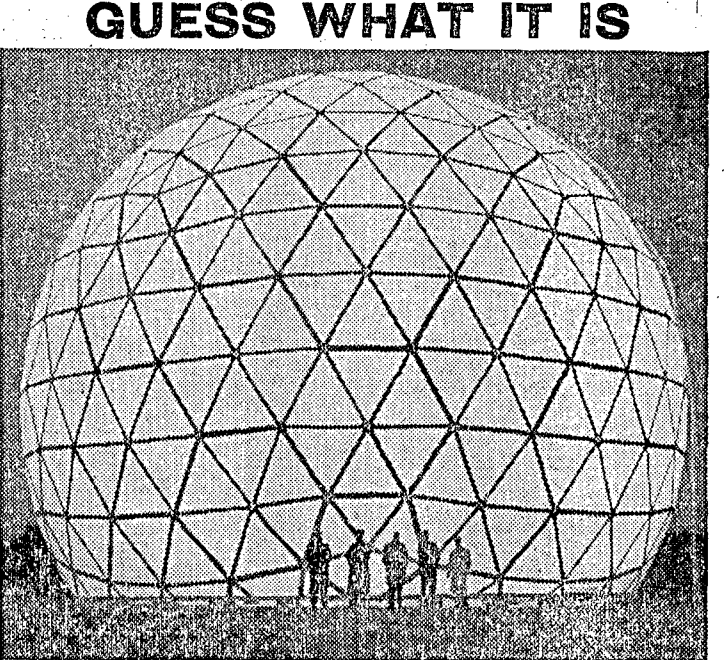
Soon Otter turned for home. But beneath the willow a fish scurried by, and Otter swirled after it.

The commotion woke Baldy. "Otter!" he squawked, horrified, and tried to take off. But ice had formed here, too, and held his feet fast.

He could feel Otter rushing back. Then . . . CRACKLE . . . CRACK! The ice around broke, freeing his feet, as Otter surfaced beside him, fish in mouth.

Luckily for Baldy, Otter preferred a tasty fish to a boastful coot—who was, however, strangely unboastful when he joined the others on the coast.

JANE THORNICROFT



ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Footing the bill. Ball, 47s. 3½d., lace, 3½d. Month in mind. January. Fruit and nut. Beech; pear; apple. Guess what it is? A plastic structure protecting radar equipment at Freckleton, Lancashire. Nearly 70 feet in diameter and 50 feet high, it consists of some 300 prefabricated panels bolted together.

Crossword Answer.—Across. 4 Pastry. 7 Reliable. 8 Abound. 10 Spare. 13 Crab. 14 Semi. 15 Roll. 16 Yes. 17 Glen. 19 Tsar. 21 Chopstick. 23 Data. 24 Once. 26 Sir. 27 Dart. 29 Nave. 32 Pelt. 33 Medal. 34 Recede. 35 Restored. 36 Street. Down. 1 Grass. 2 Gleam. 3 Same. 4 Pearl. 5 Snob. 6 Ranger. 9 Baltic. 11 Pet. 12 Right. 13 Consort. 15 Rep. 16 Yak. 18 Loaded. 20 Scene. 21 Car. 22 TNT. 23 Divert. 25 Ova. 28 Alert. 30 Adore. 31 Elude. 32 Peke. 33 Mate.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

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Senior and schoolboy footballers go into action in this week's cup-ties

F.A. CUP—THIRD ROUND

WHO WILL BE THE GIANT-KILLERS?

Saturday will be an important day for the 64 clubs who have reached the Third Round of the F.A. Cup, particularly to those "little" teams drawn against one of the bigger clubs. Victory can mean a moment's glory—and a share of even bigger gates.

THE story of the annual battles for the Cup is spiced with performances of "giant-killers," and Saturday's Third Round ties may provide another stirring chapter.

This season three non-league clubs have fought their way through to the Third Round. Morecambe (Lancashire Combination League) and Weymouth (Southern League), are drawn together. King's Lynn, another Southern League representative, will share a 40,000 gate at Goodison Park, home of Everton.

Reunions

Saturday's ties will provide a number of interesting reunions. In the match between Manchester United and Bolton Wanderers David Gaskell may be in goal for United and Warwick Rimmer in Bolton's team. They were teammates as England schoolboy internationals in 1956. The Brentford v. Leyton Orient tie will bring together two former Tottenham colleagues—Johnny Brooks (Brentford) and Dave Dunmore (Orient).

George Swindin, manager of Arsenal, will also be renewing old acquaintances on Saturday when Bradford City visit Highbury. He started his football career as goal-keeper with the Yorkshire club before the war.

But the most remarkable reunion is likely to be at Leicester, where the visiting team, Stoke, will include a player who also appeared when the two teams met in a cup-tie 23 years ago!

The man? The one and only Stanley Matthews, of course.

SCHOOLS SHIELD—FIRST ROUND

NORTHERN TEAMS FANCIED TO ADVANCE

"Big" names missing from the first round proper of the English Schools' Shield, in which 32 teams will take part, are last season's winners, Barnsley, and semi-finalists Swansea.

BARNSELY have been eliminated by Don and Dearne, who are particularly strong at centre-half where Yorkshire "cap" Barlow is outstanding, while Swansea withdrew from the com-

petition. But it is good news that competitive football in the Welsh town is to re-start.

Last season's finalists, Liverpool, and other semi-finalists, Mid-Cheshire, are still there and going well. Liverpool, in fact, have not conceded a goal in qualifying.

Mid-Cheshire's path, too, is impressive, with wins over Chester (5-1), Wrexham (5-0) and Birkenhead (2-1). Everything points to an exciting tussle in the next round against Brierley Hill, who over the years have produced a crop of good footballers. Brierley were joint winners of the English Shield in 1959 and losing finalists in 1951.

Perhaps a surprise challenge will come from Coventry, Midland representatives who have overcome four stiff obstacles against Redditch, Wrekin, Wolverhampton, and Birmingham. Chesterfield, too, have won four qualifying ties, but should find their away task at Bolton much too tough. Bolton defeated much-fancied Manchester 3-2 in the last round.

Design for the draw

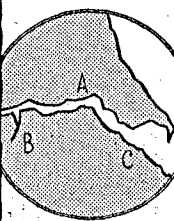
On the whole, the Northern survivors appear far stronger than their Southern counterparts, but the draw is so designed that four teams from both north and south will survive for the "open" draw quarter-finals.

Stoke Boys, under schoolteacher Dennis Wilshaw, the former Wolves, Stoke, and England inside-forward, have had a good season with their 4-2-4 formation and they did well to force a 3-3 draw at Stockport in the final qualifying round. Stockport's team includes five Cheshire "caps."

SCRAPBOOK:

River Humber. A. Hull; B. Scunthorpe; C. Grimsby.

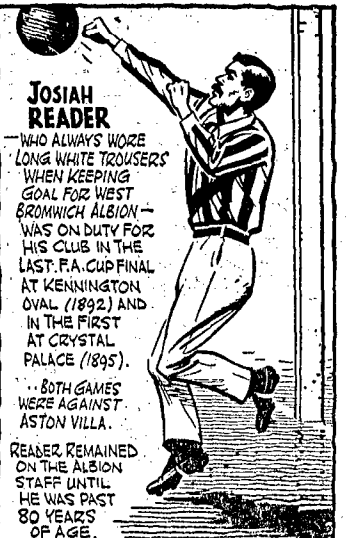
SCRAPBOOK



IDENTIFY THIS ENGLISH RIVER, THEN NAME THE THREE FOOTBALL LEAGUE CLUBS TO BE FOUND AT THE PLACES MARKED A, B AND C.

Answer below.

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JOSIAH READER

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WORLD'S SQUASH STARS IN LONDON

Six national champions are among the record entry of 122 for the British Amateur Squash Championships which start on Friday at the Royal Automobile Club, London. They include Ken Hiscoe (Australia), Peter Gerlow (Denmark), A. A. Jawaid (Pakistan), K. S. Jain (India), K. Zaghoul (United Arab Republic), and Michael Oddy (Scotland), who will be defending the title he won last year.

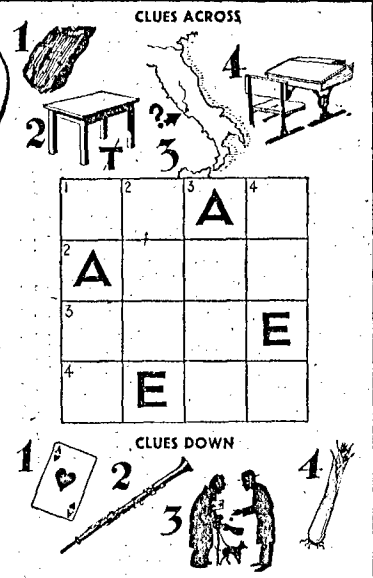
No Australian has ever gained

the British Amateur title, but Ken Hiscoe, 23-year-old champion of New South Wales and Australia, has been in this country for several weeks and already has made such a great impression that he is among the "seeds" for Friday's tournament.

Captain Nigel Bloomfield, of the Army, will also be competing. He was the youngest-ever champion when he won the title in 1958 at the age of 20 and retained it the following year.

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